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TAGS: PARM, NATO, MBFR

SUBJECT: MBFR: DATA DISAGGREGATION: SPC MEETING APRIL 28

REFS: A. STATE 93346 (DTG 260149Z APR 77), B. NATO 2433  
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1. MISSION MAY STATE IN RESPONSE TO FRG REQUEST FOR RECON-  
SIDERATION OF US OPPOSITION TO TABLING DATA UNILATERALLY  
(PARA 9, REF B) THAT US POSITION WAS RESULT OF POLICY LEVEL  
REVIEW OVER A PERIOD OF TIME. THE US DOES NOT WANT TO BE IN  
POSITION WHERE THE DATA OF RECORD IN THE NEGOTIATIONS WAS  
SUPPLIED BY ONLY ONE SIDE, OURSELVES. ANY FURTHER UNILATERAL

TABLING LEADS IN THAT DIRECTION.

2. IN RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR GUIDANCE ON NON-COMPARABILITY OF UNITS (PARA 11, REF B), MISSION MAY DRAW ON FOLLOWING:

A. IT IS GENERALLY RECOGNIZED THAT DIVISIONS AND OTHER UNITS OF SUBORDINATION VARY FROM COUNTRY TO COUNTRY. WHAT ONE NATION DEFINES AS A REGIMENT MAY LOOK VERY DIFFERENT IN ANOTHER STATE'S FORCE STRUCTURE, BOTH IN TERMS OF SIZE AND COMPOSITION AND SUBORDINATION. WITNESS THE CHANGES NOW UNDERWAY IN THE BAOR, THE FRENCH ARMY AND TO SOME EXTENT

THE BUNDESWEHR BRIGADE-80 PROGRAM. THE SUBUNITS SUBORDINATE TO DIVISIONS AND THE HIGHER LEVEL COMMANDS TO WHICH DIVISIONS ARE SUBORDINATE ARE CHANGING.

B. GIVEN THAT COMPARABLE TERMS (E.G., DIVISIONS) DESCRIBE NON-COMPARABLE ORGANIZATIONS FROM ONE COUNTRY TO ANOTHER, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT WHAT WE BELIEVE THE STRUCTURE OF EASTERN UNITS TO BE COULD DIFFER FROM WHAT THE EAST WILL ASSERT. FOR EXAMPLE, JUST AS THERE ARE APPARENT DIFFERENCES BETWEEN WHAT WE BELIEVE ARE EASTERN ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY MANPOWER AND WHAT THEY ASSERT THAT TERM DESCRIBES, THERE MAY BE SOME UNARTICULATED DIFFERENCES BETWEEN WHAT WE BELIEVE COMPOSES A CZECH DIVISION, FOR EXAMPLE, AND WHAT THEY HAVE INCLUDED. WITHOUT NATIONAL DESIGNATORS ASSIGNED TO UNITS, IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO IDENTIFY WHERE IN THE EASTERN FORCE STRUCTURE SUCH DEFINITIONAL AND SUBORDINATION DISCREPANCIES  
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OCCURRED.

C. IF THERE WERE APPARENT DIFFERENCES IN WHAT WE BELIEVE ARE PERSONNEL AND UNITS SUBORDINATE TO DIVISIONS AND WHAT THE EAST BELIEVES, IT WOULD THEN BE NECESSARY TO DISCUSS THE DEFINITION OF THE TERMS USED. SINCE THE DEFINITION OF DIVISIONS DIFFERS FROM NATION TO NATION, WE WOULD SOON BE INVOLVED IN PROVIDING NATIONAL DEFINITIONS AND THEN ASSOCIATING THOSE PECULIAR NATIONAL DEFINITIONS WITH PARTICULAR DIVISIONS. THEREFORE, TO RESOLVE THE FORCE DEFINITION COMPARABILITY PROBLEMS, WE WOULD HAVE AGAIN REACHED THE POINT OF NEEDING NATIONAL DISAGGREGATION.  
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